

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

C/ Claim 10 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, wherein the mask has a top, bottom and opposed sides, and the aperture of the mouth-piece is elliptical with a greatest dimension of the ellipse extending laterally toward the sides of the mask.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) Mask according to claim 17, wherein the mouth-piece ~~mouthpiece~~ has an acoustic screen positioned in the aperture.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 11, wherein the screen is constituted by a metal lattice.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, further comprising a baffle fixedly joined to the flexible cap and positioned between the first microphone capsule and the exhalation port.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) Mask according to Claim 17, further comprising a cable and one of two complementary connection pieces of a releasable connector, connected to a first end of the cable, wherein a second end of the cable is directly connected to the first microphone capsule.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, further comprising plural catches fixedly joined to the flexible cap and mounted substantially perpendicularly to an external face of the flexible cap.

d Claim 16 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, further comprising a second microphone capsule and wherein the first and second microphone capsules are mounted side by side on a base of the mouth-piece.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended) Oxygen breathing mask with a sound pick-up device comprising:

- a flexible cap;
- an exhalation port pierced through the flexible cap;
- a first microphone capsule positioned above the exhalation port;
- a tubular mouth-piece extending from a first distal end disposed adjacent the flexible cap to a second distal end projecting away from the flexible cap, mounted in front of the first microphone capsule mounted at said first distal end of the tubular mouthpiece with the microphone capsule positioned between the flexible cap and the mouth-piece, said mouth-piece having a second distal end of said tubular mouth-piece disposed away from the microphone capsule and defining an aperture turned away from said flexible cap towards a center of a location at which a user's mouth is adapted to be positioned in the mask, said mouth-piece having a longitudinal axis passing substantially through the center of said location, and said aperture defining a plane which is substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended) Mask according to claim 17, wherein said tubular ~~month-piece~~ mouth-piece has an opening at said distal end larger than an opening facing the microphone capsule.

Claim 19 (New) Mask according to claim 17, wherein said microphone capsule further comprises an acoustic chamber having a plurality of holes.

Claim 20 (New) Mask according to claim 19, wherein said acoustic chamber has a high-pass filtering capability with a cutoff frequency in the range of about 100 Hz.

Claim 21 (New) Mask according to claim 17, wherein a height of said mouth-piece with respect to said location at which a user's mouth is adapted to be positioned in the mask is adjustable.

Claim 22 (New) Mask according to claim 21, wherein said height varies from about 10 to about 18 mm.

Claim 23 (New) Mask according to claim 17, further comprising:
a body mounted on a wall of the flexible cap; and
an arm extending from the body and supporting the tubular mouth-piece at said first distal end of the tubular mask adjacent the first microphone capsule.

Claim 24 (New) Mask according to claim 17, wherein said aperture of said tubular mouth-piece is turned towards a center of a location at which a user's mouth is adapted to be positioned, said mouth-piece having a longitudinal axis passing substantially through the

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center of said location, and said aperture defining a plane which is substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis.

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